

**PARK BOARD MINUTES**  
**December 10, 2008**  
**Foster Community Center**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rick Kibbey, Dusty Fancher, Cynthia Ward, Paul Carrier, Brian Smith, Tina Houghton

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patrick Murray (excused, arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Ron Lott (excused)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Murdock Jemerson, Parks and Recreation Director; Gary Andrews, Model Hobby; Kenetha and Michael Gibson, Capitol Area BMX; Ron Eggleston, Friends of Fenner; Harold Leeman; Jane and Gred Parker, Greencroft Neighborhood Organization; Loretta Stanaway and Tim Bogar, Friends of Lansing Historic Cemeteries; Anita Beavers, Colonial Village Neighborhood Association; Joan Nelson, Allen Neighborhood Association; Dee King and Robin Sackevich, Friends of Greater Lansing Dog Park; Ann Lawrie and Douglas Adelman, MDOT; Kellie Brown, Interim Board Secretary

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:15 p.m.

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Kibbey added Clifford Park under updates and presentation of NRTF grant land acquisition of Hunter's Ridge.

**STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS:**

Gary Andrews asked the Board to request Director Jemerson to pull up the report from a few years ago on the idea and information for a model park.

Pollard stated Parks needs to stop acquiring land when the city can't take care of what we have. Also, stated the proposed City Market has not resolved the city ordinance and he is disturbed by the upset of the river trail during development.

Smith advised everyone there is a public meeting next Thursday, December 18, regarding the new City Market.

Stanaway stated Parks has taken the largest loss of funding, personnel and there needs to be a more aggressiveness from the Parks Department and Park Board to stand up for the department. She was surprised to here EDC recommend a skating rink downtown, and felt this would only benefit the developer and the developer's tenants.

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Murray moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Houghton.

**Motion carried to accept the November 12, 2008 minutes as written. 7 yeas; 0 nays**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MDOT Easement Request at Waverly Park**

Ann Lawrie and Doug Alderman from MDOT stated MDOT is proposing upgrades to the intersection of Waverly Road and Saginaw Hwy with signals, and ADA accessible sidewalk ramps. The new federal guideline states anytime MDOT upgrades signals or intersections, upgrades need to be done for accessibility. In order to upgrade the south east corner of Waverly and Saginaw, MDOT is proposing to obtain an easement at Waverly Golf Course.

Lawrie and Adelman described three concept drawings of the proposed area needed. MDOT would not install sidewalks on Saginaw, but would install sidewalk ramps and signals at the intersection on the south east quadrant. At this time the existing right of way goes right to the curb, and to get a sidewalk to cross pedestrians they would need to go outside of the right of way. This easement would be for approximately 50 feet on each leg and would allow MDOT to install signals and sidewalk ramps within the easement.

Fancher inquired since MDOT is not proposing sidewalks on Saginaw are these ramps going to nowhere or are they connecting to existing sidewalks.

Adelman stated there are no sidewalks on this quadrant. Fancher asked if this is to provide a safe passage. The answer was yes. There is also a bus stop in front of the golf course

Fancher clarified that if this is updated it has to be ADA accessible.

Smith moved to approve an easement for the purpose of making the corner handicap accessible. Seconded by Fancher.

**Motion carried. 6 yeas 0 nays**

**Dog Park Presentation**

The Friends of Greater Lansing Dog Parks walked Waverly Park with Dick Schaefer, Director Jemerson and Don Ballard about an additional dog park at Waverly Park and provided a handout regarding the concept.

This park does not have water, provided a large open space, shade, restrooms and adequate parking. The buildings that are currently there could be used for dog obedience classes.

They are proposing maybe some time next year to use a gate key system so people would pay a small fee for the use of the park. This would keep some people out of the park and second it would help monitor the people that use the park and when they use. It will also help with monitoring any problems with individuals and their pets.

Carrier asked about the proposal for Waverly and how much it would cost.

The FGLDP stated they do not know, but two sides of the existing fence could be used and would only need 2 sets of the same length of fence.

Carrier inquired about the fee for the gate key and if it could cover the cost of this project and maintenance. The FGLDP believes the gate key fee could be used more for maintenance.

Jemerson stated the FGLDP did a lot toward the financing for the fence at Scott Woods and some of those funds may be available for this.

Fancher asked if other cities have key cards and is concerned how the information is used and that the information would not get out into the wrong hands.

FGLDP stated the key gate information would be controlled more by a government agency and the FGLDP board would have limited access.

Kibbey stated there have been other presentations on Waverly Park and the Board is not ready to make a decision, but as the re-purposing of Waverly continues the Board wants to be a part of it.

### **Design Concept Presentation CMI Riverfront by Wilcox Professional Services**

Chad Gamble, Director of Public Service stated there has been a lot of hard work over the last three years to bring in the Accident Fund project and there has been a lot of windfall from the project; one of them being a \$3.2 million dollar CMI (Clean Michigan Initiative) Grant from the State of Michigan which is used for waterfront development. An RFP was issued for design services for this project that will be constructed in conjunction with the Accident Fund site. The RFP was awarded to Wilcox and Hamilton Anderson, two very capable consultants. Wilcox is a local, City of Lansing, contractor.

Gamble stated this is a brainstorming session, where the contractors are going to provide a power point presentation on concepts, ideas and are seeking the Board's ideas and comments.

Samir Matta of Wilcox Professional Services went through the presentation and described the different ideas. The Board was provided a handout of the power point presentation and asked to write their ideas, comments, suggestions and return this information to Director Jemerson by Tuesday, December 16.

Fancher asked if Wentworth Park would be impacted. It would not, but the trail would meet up at Wentworth. She also stated she, Smith and Carrier have been attending other meeting and there needs to be bike racks, trash cans, benches, water, etc.

Gamble told the Board not to be constrained with budget, but to provide their ideas no matter what. The contractors want to understand what the Board's objective is and it is the contractor's job to come up with different ideas.

### **CIP FY2010**

Kibbey stated included in the Board packet is the list of proposed fiscal year 2010 Capital Improvement Projects and they are listed at \$2,275,000 and will need to be about \$1.2 million. Also included are the priority guidelines to correspond with the priority number on the proposed list.

Kibbey asked if the Board needed a special budget meeting in the next 14 days. Jemerson state the January meeting would be fine.

### **MNRTF Grant Presentation**

Jemerson provided an overview of the Hunter's Ridge acquisition grant awarded from the DNR grant funds to the Parks Department for 28.47 acres with 500 feet of river frontage.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kellie Brown, Interim Board Secretary

Approved January 14, 2009